



Forest Grove Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship
January 29, 2023
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

What does God command of us?

To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand; open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus.

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to; help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be.

You are wiser than we can know; still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.

Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak. We worship and adore you. Amen.

***HYMN #610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

2. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

5. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

We have heard it said: *Look after number one...Get them before they get you...Better be safe than sorry...What's someone else's problems got to do with me...?Only the strong survive...Money makes the world go round...Revenge is sweet...Avoid pain at all costs...*

May God forgive us when we, as Christ's own people, believe these words to be life giving when Jesus has shown us a better way. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #172** Blest Are They

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs in the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *Refrain*

3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are thy, the pure of heart; they shall see God. *Refrain*

4. Blest are thy who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 6:1-8

SERMON You Want Me to Do *What?!*

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives—in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN #744** Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make you strong.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS January 29,2023

This week's carillon is in memory of Flora Daniels. She was a Matriarch and grandmother of Sharon Daniels Ruth.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: 8th and 9th graders gather each Sunday morning at 9:00 with Pastor Su to explore faith.

Following services "A Year in Review" we will host our Annual Meeting with Luncheon:

During the meeting we will elect new officers and vote on the Pastor's terms of call which will be a part of receiving the 2023 church budget. There will also be a presentation about the status of the replacement of the church steeple. Come with your questions and thoughts you would like to share.

YOUTH GROUP: Mark your calendars for Sunday February 5th. The group will be challenged by testing their problem solving skills in an escape room. Meet at the church at 5:30 PM and will return by 8:00 PM. The cost is \$25. **Friends are welcome**, but please contact Pastor Su if you are going and if you will bring a friend.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursday evenings to explore scripture on Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. You don't have to be a biblical scholar to participate, just a heart that longs for a closer walk with the Lord.

FEBRUARY 3: at 6:00 PM we will gather at the church for another night of Fellowship, Fun and Mission. The theme for the month is "Love." We are changing our mission focus to making Valentine decoration kits for Allies that provides homes and programs for disabled adults. Bring the family. Bring your friends. This will be a potluck meal so also bring some food to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: **This week we are asking for Baking items such as: Flour, Baking Soda, Sugar etc.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

<u>Calendar:</u>	January 29	9:00am	Confirmation Class
		10:00am	Worship Service followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting.
		11:00am	Celebration Lunch – 2022 Year in Review
	January 30	5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	February 1	12:00pm	Bring you brown bag lunch and join us for fellowship
	February 2	7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom
	February 3	6:00pm	Friday Night Fellowship – Theme: Love

Elder of the Month: Michael Myers Deacon of the Month: Marilyn Cook
Sunday school teacher: Beth Conti

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari,
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Alvin Cornell, Bill Yerkes, David Posnett, Mary Lou Humlhanz



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